

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS  
—OF THE—  
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION  
—OF THE—  
**SULPHUR SPRING**  
**Missionary Baptist Association**  
—HELD WITH—  
**PISGAH CHURCH**  
October 12, 13, and 14, 1900

**OFFICERS**

**Moderator, REV. I. C. McCRARY, Partridge, Ala.**

**Clerk, J. M. JAMES, Arkadelphia, Ala.**

**Cor. Secretary and Treas., J. F. McNEAL, Sloan, Ala.**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

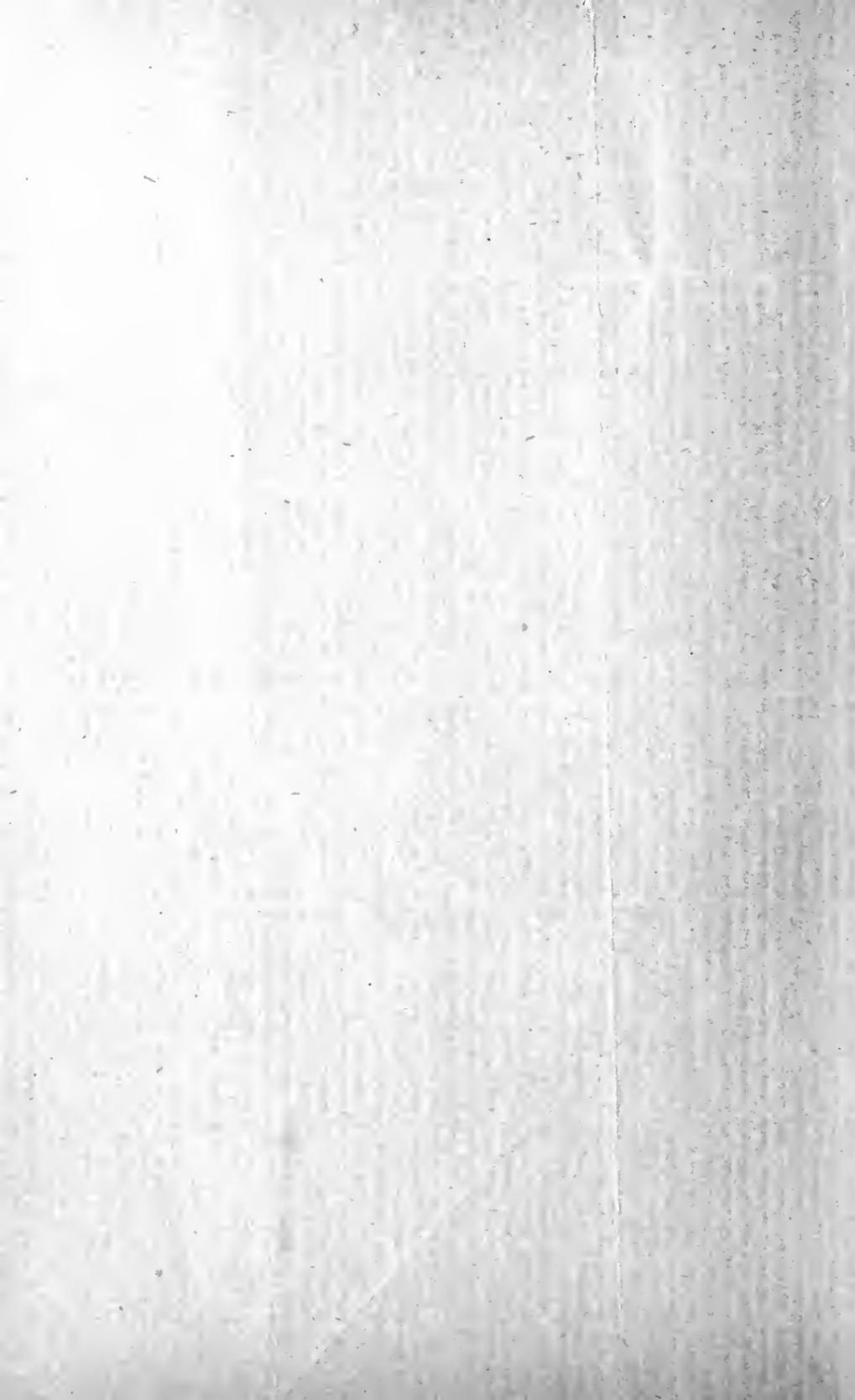
W. M. ROUSE, Warrior, Ala.      W. R. GRUBBS, Sloan, Ala.

W. R. SPEAKMAN, Partridge, Ala.      W. R. MARTIN, Sloan, Ala.

J. M. JAMES, Arkadelphia, Ala.

\* \* \* The next session to be held with Union Church, Jefferson County, about ten miles west of Warrior Station, near the Jasper and Warrior road and Partridge post-office, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1901..

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## SULPHUR SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, Twenty-Eighth Session, 1900.

The Sulphur Springs Baptist Association met in its twenty-eighth session with Pisgah church on Friday, Oct. 12, 1900, at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the Clerk, Bro. W. R. Martin; the Moderator, W. R. Fullmer, having died during the year.

Bro. R. Kemp conducted the opening devotional exercises.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. I. C. McCrary was seated as temporary Moderator until a permanent organization was had, which resulted in the election of I. C. McCrary as permanent Moderator; J. M. James, Clerk; and J. F. McNeal, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The Moderator addressed the Association returning thanks, and called for the letters from the various churches.

Brethren J. E. Creel and S. C. Sloan were appointed reading clerks. Letters were received from the following named churches with list of delegates named on each letter, which will be given here but all that were absent at roll call will not appear on the roll made out which will appear later in this minute, to wit:

Arkadelphia—Wm Rimel, W T Bagwell, Blan Parker, Ben Huff, J P Robinson and J M James, alternates.

Cane Creek—Wm Rouse, John Thomas, J W Barrow, S S Fewell.

Dodd Spring—C L Phillips, M R Phillips, W B Sanders.

Good Hope—T H Rebins, C A Robins, D J Davis, E M Lively.

Harmony—J S Sloan, J F McNeal, J J Reid, A R Robins, J T Bailey

Mount Zion—J E Creel, H A Jacobs, R F Wooten, W R Martin, R W Grubbs, and S C Sloan, alternate.

Mount Hope—J M Whorton, J B York, Henry Suggs, John Graham, and J C Buzbee, alternate.

Mount Olive—Ben James, G Sanders, P L Rice, and Phillip Murphree alternate

Mount Hie—A M Tretter, W H Ship, P W Rivers, W M Ship, alt.

Mount Joy—J W Abbott, W E Dollar, G R Lee, R E Daniel and W E Jackson, alternates

New Hope—W A McAlpine, Joshua Baker, C Whitfield, Ab Day.

New Antioch—F M Leath, T A Hancock, P F White, and W B Parker, alternate.

New Union, Contry, Ala.—Not represented.  
 New Prospects, Bremen, Ala.—Not represented.  
 Pleasant Valley, Arkadelphia, Ala.—Not represented.  
 Fairview, Horse Creek, Ala.—Not represented.  
 Pisgah—H H Buzbee, D W Morgan, W A Fields, and C M Sanders and W J Phillips, alternates.

Sulphur Springs—I C Compton, J H James, C P Dean.

Pilgraims Rest—R Kemp, T P Vandiver, S Crocker.

Union—J A Thomas, L E Ware, I C McCrary, W R Speakman, W A Tanner, and James Tate, alternate.

Long Shoals—D M Thompson, J W Poston, J H Parker.

The last named church is a new church received by the body by move and second and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Suspended the regular order of business and appointed a committee on devotion, to-wit: W R. Speakman and all the deacons of Pisgah church.

On motion received Rev J. H. Longerier and Bro. W. J. Davis as correspondents from the North River Association.

Devotional Committee reported that Bro. Longerier preach in the church house at night 7:30, and the body invited him to preach the introductory sermon, as Elder W. J. McCrary who was appointed last year to preach it, was absent. Brother Longerier certainly suited his sermon to the occasion, and a resolution was offered thanking him, and inviting his presence with us again which resolution you will please see printed in another place.

On motion the body adjourned until 8:30 a m Saturday.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30.

The delegates met in the church house and devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. R Grubbs, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator for further business. The Moderator then appointed several special committees whose reports will be seen in another place.

On motion received a resolution from Bro. J F. McNeal, relative to the death of our Elder Bro. W. R. Fullmer, which will be printed in another place.

On motion adjourned one hour for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30.

Delegates met in the church house and after being called to order the Moderator called for the report of the Executive Committee which asked for more time. On motion time was granted.

On motion received the report on Temperance for discussion, after which report was adopted.

On motion had a few minutes intermission after which the delegates and people gathred in the church house and the Moderator called the delegates to order for business.

On motion received and adopted the report on Institute Work.

On motion received and adopted report of J F McNeal, Treasurer.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to make out a special report on State Missions and have it printed in the minutes, which see in another place.

On motion of the body the delegates of New Hope church were released to go home.

On motion received and adopted the report on Education.

On motion received and adopted the report of the Executive Board.

On motion received the Sabbath School report which was laid on the table to be taken up for discussion at 7:30 p. m.

On motion received and adopted the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

The reports on Finance and Documents were received and adopted as read before the body.

The report on Superannuated Ministers was received and adopted.

On motion Bro. Ben Huffman was released to go home.

On motion and vote of the body agreed to meet with Union church in the next annual meeting on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1901, at ten o'clock a. m. Said church is near the Jasper and Warrior road about ten miles west of Warrior Station.

On motion of the body the Moderator appointed a committee on nominations, to-wit: S. C. Sloan, W. R. Grubbs and L. E. Ware. On request the report of said committee was made at once. On motion the report was received and adopted without discussion.

On motion received and ad oped a resolution offered by Bro. S. C. Sloan, which will be found in another place.

Adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION, 7:30.

The body met in the church house at the above hour, and after singing a suitable hymn, prayer was offered, led by Bro. J. A. Thomas.

On motion the Sunday School report was taken up for discussion, and after a lively discussion by several brethren, the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned, for the night, for preaching to meet back tomorrow at nine o'clock for the purpose of holding memorial services.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

Quite a number of the delegates and a large congregation of other people met in the church house for the purpose of commemorating the life and death of our dearly beloved brethren who died in the Lord within the last two years, to-wit: Elder W. R. Fullmer, Deacons Wm Compton, Martin Roberts, Isaac James and J. L. Boyd. The Moderator invited Bro. J. W. Poston to conduct the services, who read the first fifteen verses of the fourteenth chapter of St. John, and after making an appropriate talk, he offered a very solemn prayer, after which several of the brethren made good and impressive talks, telling what they knew of the good brethren who had deceased this life.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have 450 copies of the minutes printed, and keep the balance of the minute funds for his services.

A vote of thanks was ordered published in the minutes.

On motion the reading of the minutes was omitted, after which the roll was called and absentees marked out.

On motion adjourned for the purpose of hearing the Missionary Sermon preached.

At 11 a. m. the congregation gathered around the stand in the grove and Rev. J. W. Trotter preached to a large and attentive congregation, after which a collection was taken for mission purposes amounting to \$4 78, after which the parting hand-shake was taken very great enthusiasm with the hope to meet at the time and place

above mentioned.

J. M. JAMES, CLERK.

I. C. McCRARY, MODERATOR.

### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District meets with Cane Creek, Friday before the Second Sunday in July, 1901, J. A. Thomas to preach the Introductory and J. W. Trotter preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday.

Second District meets with New Hope church, Friday before the Third Sunday in August, 1901, T. D. Holcomb to preach the Introductory, F. M. Leath to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday.

### DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Introductory Sermon at 7:30, Friday night by Bro. J. H. Longerier, preaching Saturday night by F. M. Leath, Missionary Sermon by J. W. Trotter, Sunday 11 a m

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

**Resolution of Thanks.**—Resolved that we offer our thanks to Pisgah church and surrounding community for all their favors done towards the Sulphur Springs Association and its delegates while in session at said church.

**Report on Nominations.**—We your committee on nominations nominate Rev. W. J. McCrary to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of our body, and Rev. F. M. Leath to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m., of the same session.

S. C. Sloan, Chairman.

**Resolution Offered by S. C. Sloan.**—Resolved that we tender our thanks to Bro. J. H. Longerier for the feast he has given us in his excellent preaching and good talks and that we invite him to visit us again in our associational capacities.

**Report of Executive Committee.**—While in session we elected Rev. J. E. Creel to work in the interest of Missions during the past year at a salary of one dollar per day for his services; said work to be done with the churches of our Association and surroundings where he might do good. We also submit Bro. Creel's report as a part of our report which will follow this report. We now recommend that a missionary be employed to work in the destitutions of our Association, and that each church donate for the support of said missionary.

J. M. James, Chairman.

**Report of Bro. J. E. Creel.**—I hereby submit my annual report of work done:—

Days engaged	42
Miles traveled	500
Sermons preached	35
Tracts distributed	400
Bibles and Testaments sold	75
Subscriptions to Alabama Baptist	30
Foreign Mission Journal	32
Our Home Field	80
Baptist Standard	3
Received from Treasurer for said work	\$42.00

J. E. Creel, Missionary.

**Report on State and Domestic Missions, written in compliance with the request of the Association while convened.**—The situation. Your Executive Board found the mission work in the beginning of the present Associational year any thing but encouraging. We found very little money in the treasury. We also found that as you know there had been no missionary employed the year before. Our committee took up the work expecting the churches to respond to our call. We employed Rev. J. E. Creel to visit all the churches and solicit donations which was very meager—not sufficient to carry on the work successfully. Our missionary worked every day we could pay him for and he was obliged to do something else for a living. We considered the outlook very good at the beginning but alas the churches failed to furnish the means and work languished on our hands.

Now we see no way to make the mission cause in our bounds anything like prosperous unless our Brethren and sisters will come to our assistance with their means. Dear Christain friends, the cause lies at your disposal. With your help we can take this part of the State for Christ, and the Baptist Denomination, but without your help, prayers and money both together, we can do but little. Other denominations will outstrip us and we will suffer loss. Dear Brethren and Sisters, let us appeal unto you again for help. Let some Brother or Sister appeal to every church in Sulphur Spring Association for means and send it to Bro. J. F. McNeal, our Treas-

ner, and take his receipt for the same, and let your executive Board put a man in the field at once. Unless you do this or something better our Baptist cause will suffer in and around old Sulphur Springs Association.

Every Baptist in Sulphur Spring Association should feel a just pride in the forward movement already inaugurated for the closing year of this century. The plan adopted by the Southern Baptist convention, a program of which will be furnished by a committee appointed for this purpose, if carried out by every church in the Association would create a lively interest in all of our departments of work, and when we wind up our next Associational year the results would be unequalled in our past history. We have nothing but words of praise for our retiring missionary, Bro. J. E. Creel. We are assured that he has been faithful in the services rendered and no doubt the result of his labors have been felt and will result in much good to the denomination in coming days.

We have every reason to be greatful to God for the abundant blessings that have come to us the past year and we should be faithful and consecrated to his service and endeavor to be, as we can, a great power for good. The future was never more promising and the demand for a broader and more extended operation than now. All we have to do is to take hold of the opportunities while they are passing by us.

J. M. James, Chairman.

**Report on Education.**—There is greater necessity for educating the young and rising generation than ever before. While our young have been advanced in literary knowledge, yet we believe that education in books is but an assistance to a higher development of the mind to a higher religious duty for the advancement of the cause of our Lord and Master. We believe that the home circle should be the place to commence the work by example, by daily practice and by Godly conversation before our children. We view with alarm the rapid progress of evil in our country to draw our children away from the path of rectitude and righteousness. Brethren let us pray for more education of the heart in the future than we have in the past.

J. W. Trotter, Chairman.

**Report on Institute Work.**—We have had two Institutes held at Mount Zion during the year. One conducted by Reys, J. G. Low-

rey and F. C. David and the other by Revs. G. S. Anderson and J. G. Lowrey. We regret that many of our people and especially, our ministers have never attended an institute that they might know the real benefit of such meetings. Believing that ministerial Institute work is the most important mission work fostered by our denomination, or rather the foundation of all other missions, we recommend that Rev. G. S. Anderson be invited to hold another Institute during the next year at one of our churches, the time and place to be named by the Association; and that each minister in our Association be urged to attend said meeting, and each church be asked to donate to the support of the work. Prayfully submitted,

J. E. Creel, Chairman.

**Report on Temperance** — We find that the cause of intemperance is not abolished as it should be among our Baptist people, and we recommend that our people abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Oh! may the time soon come when intemperance will be banished from our land. We would therefore urge that our Baptist brethren and sisters exert all their power to extinguish the great evil of intemperance.

J. P. Robinson and W. R. Speakman.

**Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—**

We find that we have lost by death one minister and four deacons in the last two years, to-wit: Elder W. R. Fullmer, an ordained minister, and Brethren Wm Compton, Isaac James, Martin Roberts and T. J. Boyd who were ordained deacons, and recommend that we hold a Memorial service at nine o'clock Sunday morning in honor to their names and christian lives while they were with us.

T. J. Baily and H. A. Jacobs.

**Report of Treasurer.—**

To amount carried over in 1899	\$10 26.
To Public Collections	13.55.
To amount paid by churches	7.17.
Total	\$30 98.

Disbursements.

By order of Executive Board to J. E. Creel	\$14.49
" " to W. R. Sandlin	7.50
" " " Orphan Home	.40.

By order to State and Foreign Missions	5 31.
" " " J. E. Creel for postage	.41.
Total	\$28.11.
Leaving a Balance	\$2.87.

J. F. McNeal, Treasurer.

**Report on Documents.**—We find that Union church asks that the next session of the Association meet with her. We also find that most all the churches have had revivals and are in a live condition. We further recommend that all our churches organize Sunday Schools at once.

L. E. Ware, Chairman.

**Sabbath School Report.**—It is useless for your committee to urge the importance of the Sunday School in our churches. An enlightened people like our Baptist people of to day generally know that without the Sabbath School being organized in our churches we fall far short of our more enlightened churches. However, it is a deplorable fact that we have many, yea thousands of churches in the United States that have no Sabbath Schools. Our Southern Conventional Territory has about nine thousand churches without Sabbath Schools. The Sunday School work in the bounds of our Association greatly needs organizing. A Sunday School missionary to travel over our Association could work a wonderful revolution in the Sabbath School cause in our bounds. Not only would new Schools be established, but much more efficient work would be done. In like manner some colporteur work in carrying good books and planning for the Sunday School cause by this same missionary would accomplish results of untold value in the future progress cf our denomination in the Sulphur Spring Association. We have been experimenting a little on this line the past year as you will learn from the report of Bro. J. E. Creel who was in the field a part of his time and who was the grand mover in organizing our Sunday School Convention, the Constitution and By-Laws of which will be printed in another place; and we recommend that the Association continue such work in our bounds, and we do hereby advise all the churches that have Sunday Schools to send delegates to each meeting of the Convention which is to be twice a year as shown by the Constitution and also that all churches organize Sunday Schools that have none.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. James, Chairman.

**Report of Finance Committee.—**

Money sent up by churches for Minutes	\$21 05
Foreign Missions	3.00
Home Missions	2.05
Total.....	\$26 10

Respectfully submitted, J. J. Baker and John Reid.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

On Missions—J W Trotter and J F McNeal.

On Sabbath Schools—F M Leath and T P Vanderver.

On Education—S C Sloan and L E Ware.

On Temperance—J E Creel and T A Hancock.

On Institute Work—W R Martin and H A Jacobs.

**DELEGATES WHO ANSWERED ROLL CALL.**

Arkadelphia—J P Robinson and J M James.

Dod Spring—C L Phillips and W B Sanders.

Good Hope—T H Robins and E M Lively.

Harmony—J F McNeal, J I Reid, A R Robins and J T Bailey.

Mt. Zion—S C Sloan.

Mt. Hope—Henry Suggs.

Mt. Hie—P W Rivers.

New Antioch—P F White.

Pisgah—H H Buzbee, D W Morgan, W A Fields and C W Sanders.

Sulphur Springs—C P Dean, without a letter, corrected.

Union—I C McCrary.

Long Sheals—D M Thompson and J W Posten.

Pilgrims Rest—R Kemp and T P Vanderver.

No delegates answered from Cane Creek, Mt. Olive, New Hope, New Union and New Prospect.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.**

1. This body shall be known as the Sulphur Spring Baptist Sunday School Convention.

2. It shall be formed of delegates from the Sunday Schools of any of the churches of the Sulphur Springs Association who may connect themselves with the said union.

3. Any Sunday School of the Missionary Baptist denomination

in good standing may be admitted into this union by general consent of the members present at any regular meeting.

4. Any School may withdraw from the Convention at its own discretion on application for dismission.

5. Any School belonging to this Convention may send as delegates all its officers and three other duly elected members to each general meeting.

6. At each general session of this Convention a Moderator and Clerk shall be elected by ballot, from among the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

7. The meetings of the delegates in convention shall be held on Saturdays, 9 a. m., before the first Sundays in May and September each year until otherwise arranged.

8. The design of this organization is to promote the cause of true religion and the proper study of the Bible among our people.

9. As it respects the internal concerns of the different schools, this body shall have no authority but shall be considered merely as an advisory council.

10. This Convention shall be judge of its own members.

11. It shall be the duty of each Sunday School to forward with its delegates a written communication to each meeting of the body specifying the names of the delegates and condition of their Sunday School.

12. The delegates from the Sunday Schools shall be considered as holding their appointments until others are appointed to succeed them.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body by a two thirds vote of the delegates present.

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### **RULES OF DECORUM OF THE CONVENTION.**

1. This Convention shall be opened by singing and prayer.

2. To expedite business committees may be appointed at the discretion of the body.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed judge of good order and shall have the right to call to order at any time, and any brother not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the body on the same day but no other time.

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Convention except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

5. Every case taken up by the Convention shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

6. Every one who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or uses words of personal reflection.

7. The Moderator when addressed for leave to speak shall signify the right of the applicant by naming him or otherwise.

8. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject without leave from the body.

9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The Moderator shall give the casting vote and be entitled to the privilege of speaking as any other member provided he appoints another in his seat during the time.

12. The appellation brother shall be used in our address one to another.

13. The names of delegates shall be called as the Convention may direct.

14. Any delegate leaving before adjournment without leave will be marked on the minute as absent.

15. Any member violating the above rules may be reprobated as the body may think proper only on the day the offence shall have occurred.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

1. The Moderator calls to order for devotional services.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks.
4. Elect officers for the next year.
5. Call for new churches.
6. Invite all visiting brethren to seats.
7. Invite correspondents to seats.
8. Return correspondents to other Associations.

9. Appoint special committees.
10. Call for report of executive committee.
11. Call for report of standing committees.
12. Appoint standing committees.
13. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
14. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.
15. Offer Resolutions and other miscellany.

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#### List of Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

T D Holcomb, Country, Ala.	E M Lively, Ono, Ala.
— W J McCrary, Partridge, Ala.	— J E Creel, Warrior, Ala.
— P T Vanderver, Palos, Ala.	— I C McCrary, Partridge, Ala.
— T A Hancock, Warrior, Ala.	J A Thomas, Horse Creek, Ala.
J C Thomas, Country, Ala.	— C M Sanders, Phillips, Ala.
M M Russell, Willow, Ala.	D W Morgan, Phillips, Ala.
— F M Leith, Garrison Point, Ala	— D N Thompson, Palos, Ala.
J W Trotter, Sloan, Ala.	J W Posten, Horse Creek, Ala.
H B Martin, Adamsville, Ala.	R Kemp, Palos, Ala.
M D L Sanders, Horse Creek, Ala.	

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.
Arkadelphia,	J M James, Arkadelphia.
Mount Zion,	R W Grubbs, Sloan.
Mount Olive,	Fayette Rice, Blount Springs.
New Hope,	R D Jones, Country.
New Antioch,	W F Davis, Garrison Point.
Union,	L E Ware, Partridge.
Pisgah,	H H Buzbee, Phillips.
Long Shoals,	No name on letter, Palos.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE SULPHUR SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1900.

**STATISTICS OF THE SULPHUR SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1900.**

Churches	Pastor.	Clerks.	Clerk's P. O	Inc. by		Dec. by		Preaching Sab bath			
				Mem bership	Last Report ed	Baptism	Conversion	Exclusion	Death	Present Membership	Sab bath
Arkadelphia	T A Hancock	J B Roberson	Aarkadelphia	61	1	5	*	5	2	443	
Cane Creek	T A Hancock	Sam Roberts	Sloan	93		5	1	5	2	852	
Dod Springs	C M Sanders	C L Phillips	Horse Creek	19	4	4	1	7	2	212	
Good Hope	J A Owens	R M Robbins	Partridge	58	12	4	2	2	1	734	
Harmony	Failed to send up their letter, no statistics	W A Mayfield	132	2	4	11	1	1	1	138	
Mt Zion	J E Creal	F M Williams	Wilgus	125	2	3	4	5	1	1191	
Mt. Hope	F M Leath	F M Williams	Gravelton	61	3	9	5	1	1	544	
Mt. Olive	J E Creal	Fayette Rice	Blount Springs	56		2	3	1	1	462	
Mt. Hie.	I C McCrary	J O Ship	Warrior	35	1	1	2	3	1	364	
Mt. Joy.	F M Leath	G R Lee	Arkadelphia	42	9	2	3	1	1	482	
New Hope.	T E Hayes	C Whitfield	Country	69	8	6	1	1	1	823	
New Antioch	F M Leath	W Parker	Garrison Point	46	4	3	1	3	1	433	
New Union	W J McCrary	W R Speakman	Partridge	86	22	2	7	2	2	1023	
Pisgah	T P Vandiver	H H Buzbee	Phillips	54	2	4	1	4	1	491	
Sulphur Spring	Failed to send up their letter, no statistics	D N Thompson	J H Parker	118		3	1	1	1	113	
Long Shoals	T P Vandiver	T P Vandiver	Palos	9	2	3	1	1	1	34	
Pilgrims Rest			Sam Crocker	33	2	1	1	1	1	34	
				1092	65	35	665	1216	1096		

New Prospect, Pleasant Valley, Union and Fairview, not represented.

\*Dropped from Roll, 13.

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